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MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: Executive Council Meeting on 17 December 1974

Mr. Proctor chaired. Substituting was [redacted]

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1. Mr. Proctor said there would be no Friday Executive Council Meetings until after the first of the year. At the first Friday meeting in January, the personnel rating system will be discussed (the Parmenter-[redacted] paper on a multi-discipline team approach to analysis will also be discussed in a future Friday meeting).

2. Mr. Proctor reported on a flurry of activity caused by OMB cuts in the FY-76 Agency budget. Mr. Colby promptly sent a letter to President Ford asking that most of the cuts be restored. The OMB response was to restore all but [redacted] and to cut [redacted] rather than [redacted] slots. SAFE will get 5 of the 7 million dollars requested.

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3. The DCI wants an assessment of SIGINT collection capabilities [redacted] will pull the report together by 20 December.

4. Mr. Knoche reported on an IAS/OSR session [redacted] at which problems associated with the new reconnaissance system were discussed. Mr. Knoche commented that analysts will have to adjust, among other things, to the need for tasking on a continuing basis. The question of a video link is still up in the air. Mr. Walsh is pulling together a paper based on recommendations by the SSG that will explore both video and facsimile links.

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5. Mr. Proctor reported on a briefing by [redacted] DIA, concerning an all-source tasking center to be established in the Pentagon. [redacted] invited Agency participation, but Mr. Colby was non-committal. Mr. Proctor said he sees the need for such a center to meet DoD internal requirements, but does not think it should be a community center. The Agency must draw up its own plan soon for all-source tasking.

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6. Mr. Walsh said that the MAGID is in the doldrums with some members largely inactive. He asked that office and staff chiefs solicit the views of their MAGID members.

7. Mr. Lehman proposed that the subject of academic relations be discussed at a future Friday meeting. He said he thought plans by the Coordinator for Academic Relations for two seminars per office each year were excessive. Mr. Lehman also suggested an orientation program for computer services personnel who will be designing systems for use by production analysts. He is concerned that the computer specialists do not know what analysts do. He asked [redacted] to work up a prospectus for such a course and invited OER and OSR to participate. Mr. Proctor asked [redacted] to assign someone to the project.

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